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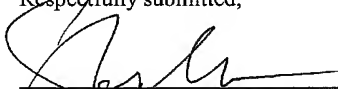
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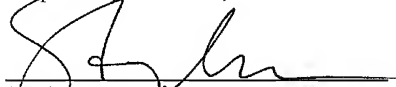
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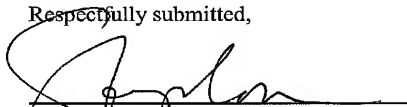
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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CA	Markus Beier and Jorg D. Hoheisel, "Versatile derivatisation of solid support media for covalent bonding on DNA-microchips", Nucleic Acid Research, 1999, Vol. 27, No. 9, pp. 1970-1977

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